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For: Chemical diffusion system, chemical diffusion apparatus, chemical diffusion unit and chemical cartridge

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following references, JP 2003-180152, JP 10-507937 and its corresponding US 5980501, JP 11-262310, JP 2002-017128, JP 2004-511239 and its corresponding US 6907319, and JP 8-150191, which were cited in an Office Action issued on November 24, 2009, during the prosecution of the Japanese Patent Application, which corresponds to the present application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby

submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of Japanese reference required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon is enclosed. For JP 2003-180152, its English Abstract and translation of paragraph 32 are also enclosed. For Japanese references which do not have corresponding US applications including JP 11-262310, JP 2002-017128 and JP 8-150191, their English Abstracts are submitted. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is not submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b).

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Docket No. 109601-63988.

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Respectfully submitted,

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